

Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics

- **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

EMERGENCIES: In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

Site Location: This site is located on the side of Joe Mills Mountain., and approx. 60 yds. west of the unnamed pond visible below the trail to the north. The site is on a level bench, surrounded by conifers. A sign on the trail marks the location and red arrowheads will lead you from this point to the site itself (approx. 50 yds.). The camp is marked by a metal arrowhead on a post. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

Number of Sites: 1

Distance: 2.5 mi. from Bear Lake TH
6.2 mi. from Fern Lake TH

Privy: YES

Elevation: 10,600 ft.

Approx. Travel Time: 2 to 3 hrs. from Bear Lake
4 to 5 hrs. from Fern Lake

Elevation Change: 925 ft. from Bear Lake TH;
2,500 ft. from Fern Lake TH

Water Source: Early to mid-summer, water is usually available from the intermittent stream along the main trail (North Fork Mill Creek.). If this is dry, water can be obtained from some of the ponds in the area, or Two Rivers Lake. Boil or adequately treat all water.

To Reach the Trailhead (TH): Turn south on the Bear Lake Road from Hwy 36 and continue to the end of the road at the parking lot at Bear Lake. The trail starts at the north end of the parking area. If this parking lot is full, you may park in the Bear Lake Shuttle parking area or Glacier Gorge Jct. parking area. **DO NOT PARK ALONG THE ROAD, AS THIS MAY RESULT IN YOUR CAR BEING TOWED AWAY BEFORE YOU RETURN.** Use an established parking lot. To reach the Fern Lake TH, take the Bear Lake Road to Moraine Park and follow the signs to the Fern Lake TH.

